

This is the best proposal of the group seeking to eliminate morse code proficiency for HF access. The one change I would like to see is that the speed for the exam be set to 13 words per minute before access to the exclusive Extra Class CW portion of the bands be granted.

Further, all amateurs coming from no code countries should be granted General Class privileges rather than Extra Class due to to the code requirement being retained for the Extra Class license. Part 97.107(b)(3) should then be amended to reflect that any person seeking an operator license having passed a code test in the past in their country of origin would be eligible for Extra Class privileges when all other conditions are satisfied while the more recently licensed no code amateurs be granted a license to not exceed the FCC-granted General Class operator license.

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